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Amendment dated February 8, 2005
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
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Applicant : Tsukasa HATTORI et al.
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AUTOCORRELATION-BIT-ERROR
DETECTION APPARATUS AND
METHOD USING OPTICAL
BRANCH SYSTEM
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